

Administration of Oral Glucose (April 2013)

Item: Dextrose and water oral gel used to rapidly raise blood glucose levels of a hypoglycemic patient.
Classification: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic Life Support procedure• Specified in existing regulations.
Use and Level: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not authorized for First Aid or EMR• Authorized for all levels of EMT as basic scope of practice.
Authority: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 100063(a)(9)(A) of the EMT Regulations, Chapter 2, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations allows an EMT to administer oral glucose.• Section 100106(a) of the AEMT Regulations, Chapter 3, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations allows an AEMT to perform any activity identified in the EMT scope of practice.• Section 100146(a) of the Paramedic Regulations, Chapter 4, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations states that a Paramedic may perform any activity identified in the scope of practice for an EMT.
Training: As specified in EMT and Paramedic regulations for level of provider.
Equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 tubes/servings of 15 grams of glucose each
Medical Direction: Used in accordance with a protocol written and approved by the local EMS agency medical director (HS 1797.220).
Considerations and Recommendations: Oral use contraindicated in altered levels of consciousness or unprotected airway